

## **Short Bios for USACE presenters**

### **USACE Partnership Workshop at the Association of Partners for Public Lands Convention, February 2010**

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Michael is a biologist with the Wilmington District, Operations Support Section supporting the environmental stewardship, recreation, hydropower, and navigation programs. He is the South Atlantic Division representative on the National Partnership Advisory Committee and POC for the USACE Handshake Partnership Program. Michael earned a BS and MS in marine biology from the University of North Carolina - Wilmington.

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#### **PRESENTERS**

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Doug is the Regional Partnership Program Manager for the 25 Lakes within Ft. Worth District. Presently, Doug is aggressively utilizing the USACE Cooperating Associations, Challenge Partnership, Volunteer, and Contributions Programs in order to leverage his Districts declining O&M Budgets and supplement the District workforce capability. His newest initiative utilizes non-profit 501 (c) Groups (Foundations and/or Corporations) to jointly cooperatively manage Corps Parks; while, entering into Challenge Partnerships with adjacent Public Entities (Cities) to manage Corps lands within their City limits (mowing/underbrushing permits, law enforcement, and low density recreation).

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Bill is the Operations Project Manager at Rathbun Lake, IA with the Kansas City District. Rathbun Lake is a multipurpose project with flood damage reduction, recreation, fish and wildlife management, water supply and water quality improvement as authorized project purposes. He has worked at five lakes in the Kansas City District and has been manager at Rathbun Lake for the past 24 years. He is a Certified Wildlife Biologist with The Wildlife Society. Bill has a BS degree in Natural Resource Management from the University of Nebraska.

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Over 35 years experience working for three Federal land management agencies. Served over 20 years as Chief, Natural Resources Management Branch in the Headquarters of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. National Society for Park Resources member. Served as member of NSPR board for two terms and as President for one term. Recipient of the Meritorious Civilian Service Award from the Corps of Engineers, the William Penn Mott, Jr. Award for Meritorious Service from the National Society for Parks and Recreation, the Recreation Legends Award from the American Recreation Coalition, National Recreation Resource Leadership Award from the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners and the Legends of Parks and Recreation Program designation by The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration. Undergraduate (Washington State University) and masters degrees (The University of Michigan) in natural resources.

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Kimberlee has more than 20 years experience in both for-profit and nonprofit organizations offering themed visitor and retail experiences. She passionately serves the cultural and park communities in her position as Chief Operating Officer as well as consultant, speaker, trainer and volunteer. As Director of Programs and COO, Kimberlee is one of five key executives at JNPA. Jefferson National Parks Association provides quality educational products and related services that enrich public understanding and appreciation of America's national parks, public lands and historic places. JNPA operates educational museum shops and bookstores for the benefit of the public and our partners. All of the items that we sell are reviewed by our partners to ensure historical accuracy and appropriateness for the site at which they are sold. Through these products, we directly educate the public about the importance of these historic and cultural sites.

**Nancy Rogers, Natural Resource Mgmt. Ranger/Interpretive Specialist US Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District c/o Warm Springs Dam**

Over 30 years experience in all aspects of park and recreation management, interpretive planning, contract administration, project management. Specific interpretive experience includes: visitor center management, exhibit planning and design, contracting for exhibit services, interpretive planning, visitor evaluation, interpretive methods and skills, volunteer management, cooperating associations, , and partnering. Nancy is active in the National Association for Interpretation for over 20 years- serving on the Region 9 Board of Directors and serves on the Corps' HQ Visitor Center Initiative Committee, and as well as co-advisor for Cooperating Associations Program.

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Claudia serves as a consultant to the APPL, providing technical assistance and training in nonprofit management and growth to APPL agency partners and to members. She also consults with nonprofit organizations in the Washington DC metro area. Claudia retired in August 2001 after four years as the CFO and VP for Operations of the National Park Foundation. Claudia is familiar with land management issues through her 4 ½ year stint as DOI's Director of Operations. Over her career, Claudia has overseen strategic, financial, development and membership growth of several national and regional nonprofits. She earned her MBA from the University of Maryland and her BA in International Relations from Brown University.

**Ernie Shepherd, Park Ranger, Philpott Lake - Wilmington District, 1058 Philpott Dam Road, Bassett, VA 24055, (276) 629-4512 ext. 228, [Ernie.B.Shepherd@usace.army.mil](mailto:Ernie.B.Shepherd@usace.army.mil)**

Ernie is a natural resource specialist with the USACE, Wilmington District. He is a retired math and science teacher and had worked 25 summers as a part-time ranger with the Va. State Parks System and the Corps of Engineers prior to becoming a full-time employee with the CORPS at Philpott Lake in Bassett, VA. He is POC with the Friends of Philpott, a non-profit volunteer organization. He is married to the former Verna Rorrer and they have two sons Brent and Ty.

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Bob has utilized six 20+ week SCA interns (per year) for a Sea Lion Observation project over the past several years. This upcoming year in addition to the six Sea Lion Observation interns Bob plans on utilizing an additional six 17-week SCA interns on an Avian/Salmon Predator Observer project at John Day Dam.

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Richard (Rick) is the Resource Manager of Lake Ouachita, which is a multi-purpose project having environmental stewardship, recreation management, water supply, flood control and hydropower missions. During his 34 year Federal career Rick served with both the National Park Service and the Corps of Engineers. During the past 17 years he has been the Resource Manager of Lake Ouachita, where he has received numerous awards and citations. He is married to Joanie Stokes and they have 5 children.